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A Weekly Devotional from the  
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## Will A Man Rob God?

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Several years ago, I remember hearing about several men who put on ski masks and entered a church building, brandishing weapons, and demanding cash from all the church members present. After stealing the contents of the church members' wallets and purses, the masked robbers made away with over \$2000.00.

As you can guess, the above incident made the news, but what didn't make the news are the robberies that take place nearly every week in church building all across our land. I'm talking about Christians who ignore God's word and rob God of their weekly contribution. Tell me, which is worse: A man putting on a ski mask and robbing Christians or a man putting on a pious look and robbing God? The actions are the same, only the masks are different. Whether one puts on a ski mask or a mask of hypocrisy, the end result is the same.

Friends, God commands us to give as we have been prospered on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Are you obeying him, or robbing him? Give it some thought.